

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: July 12, 2012

Agenda Item: Annual and ARM Rules for the Nonresident Deer Licenses Separated from Big Game

Division: Management and Finance

Action Needed:

_____ **Approval of Tentative Rule**

___X___ **Approval of Final Rule/Action**

_____ **Endorse Course of Action**

_____ **None - information only**

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 minutes

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Background The 1997 Legislature provided the Commission the authority to separate a Class B-7 license from a Class B-10 license for the purpose of sound deer management. These licenses can then be sold as a B-11 nonresident deer combination license. In the past, this authority was part of the annual rule setting the price for Variable-Priced Outfitter-Sponsored Nonresident Big Game/Deer combination licenses. With the passage of I-161, the requirement for the Commission to set the fee for the Variable-Priced Outfitter-Sponsored licenses was removed and the annual rule no longer warranted. Therefore, we're asking the Commission to establish an ARM rule for separation of the deer licenses from the Big Game combo licenses.

Public Involvement Process & Results After approval of the proposed rules by the Commission, they were published for public comment. A public hearing was held on Thursday, June 28, with no public attending. Comments are being received through email and will be presented to the Commission on July 12.

Alternatives and Analysis: Continue to address this issue annually through rule.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: FWP recommends the Commission approve an annual rule for 2012 and an ARM Rule for subsequent years for the Nonresident Deer licenses separated from the Big Game combination licenses.

Proposed Motion: I move the Commission adopt annual and ARM rules for the Nonresident Deer licenses separated from Big Game combination licenses.